

## **EXHIBIT 4**



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Re: *U.S. ex rel. Ven-a-Care of the Florida Keys Inc v Abbott Laboratories*, MDL No. 1456/Civil  
Action No. 01-12257-PBS

Dear Mr. Cook:

I was informed today that it is Abbott's position that documents produced in discovery by Abbott to other parties in the MDL may not be shared by those parties with the United States. Could you please confirm whether or not that is Abbott's position? Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark A. Lavine". The signature is stylized with a large, flowing "M" and "L".

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